

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Loussac Library, Fire, Security and Lighting Upgrades

State Funding Requested: \$ 2,050,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)****Brief Project Description:**

Funds would replace library fire, security and lighting systems, all of which are over twenty years old.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$2,050,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds			\$2,500,000	2009		
Other	\$2,600,000	2009				
Total	\$2,600,000		\$2,500,000			

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Anchorage Libraries have raised \$2.6 million in private funds for Loussac Library.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Note: Loussac Library will be a part of this year's bond package for the amount of 2.5 million. This bond amount is not solely for the fire/security/lighting system upgrades but for all the library's needs.

This budget request is a public safety priority. Loussac Library was constructed in 1986, over twenty years ago. The existing fire, security and lighting systems are becoming antiquated. Due to the difficulty of finding replacement parts, it is more cost effective in the long run to replace these systems.

The current security camera system is a particular concern. The cameras do not cover all the public space in the facility and only film in black and white. In order to ensure patron safety in all library areas, an updated camera system is necessary.

This project has been identified as a priority of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Project Timeline:

If funded, upgrades would begin immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

MOA

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****Major Facility Renovations****PROJECT NAME:** LOUSSAC LIBRARY FIRE, SECURITY & LIGHTING SYSTEM UPGRADE**PROJECT TYPE:** Facility Improvement**GRANT REQUEST:** \$2,050,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Upgrade Fire, Security & Lighting Control Systems Within the Loussac Library.

COMMENTS:

The Loussac Library is one of Anchorage's premier cultural institutions completed in 1986 during the "Project 80's" era when the State of Alaska used its new oil earnings to significantly invest in public facilities which were lacking prior to that time. Now that the facility is over 20 years old, state funding is requested for capital renovations necessary to protect the State's original investment in this facility that has served Anchorage and Alaska so well.

The Loussac Library has welcomed over 10 million users since opening in 1986 and currently serves the entire state as the largest net lender of books through Alaska's interlibrary loan system.

JUSTIFICATION:

Original building systems are antiquated and obsolete, and are in need of replacement before there are failures. Replacement parts are becoming obsolete and are hard to acquire. This project would insure that the public's safety continues to be the highest priority.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	2,050	0	0	0	0	0	2,050
Project Total	2,050	0	0	0	0	0	2,050

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 50-Anchorage Areawide**Community Council(s):** Areawide**CONTACT PERSON:**

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Book Donation Program

- A book donation program is run in conjunction with the semi-annual book sales and provides donations to small and rural libraries all over the state. Notable donations include books to the McLaughlin Youth Center (300), Cook Inlet Pretrial Facility (175), Alaska Native Hospital (223 children's books for hospital waiting rooms), Student Government JobCorps in Palmer, Hooper Bay school library (after the village's fire in August 2006), Scammon Bay, Moose Pass, Chenega Bay, Whittier.

Program Assistance

- In 2007, the library leveraged its Big Read grant funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to assist schools and libraries around the state and in Anchorage. Anchorage Public Library (APL) distributed thousands of books in book group discussion kits (22 schools received book kits as well as libraries and reading groups).
- The Big Read reached communities all over the state—Barrow, Point Hope, Nome, Unalakleet, Eagle, Delta Junction, Bethel, Willow, Wasilla, Palmer, Eagle River, Girdwood, Homer, Naknek, Kodiak Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, Thorne Bay, Craig and Hydaburg. We also funded special programs in Nome (Alaska State Writer John Straley presented four school and community programs) and Juneau (we funded an author event that was hosted by the Juneau Arts & Humanities Council). We engaged the services and supported professionals around the state (John Active from Bethel and June Pinnell-Stephens from Fairbanks) by hiring them for programs that were done in Anchorage.
- Four APL staff members also presented a session at the annual conference of the Alaska Library Association (Feb 2007 in Juneau) on one book/one community reading programs and partnering with APL for The Big Read.

Special Youth Services Services/Programs

- APL provides READ IT Storypackets for use in rural communities for children's programs. These are checked out regularly, e.g. Herman Hutchins Elementary School Library (Valdez), Cooper Landing Public Library, Kaktovik School Community Library, Wasilla & Palmer Public Libraries, Copper Valley Community Library (Glennallen).
- The Ready to Read Resource Center is a two phase grant, funded through the Alaska State Library, which focuses on resources for promoting early childhood literacy for youth ages birth to three. This grant has three primary components:
 - Lapsit Storypackets include 5 books, a related CD, and a puppet. Anticipated use includes interlibrary loan to libraries to increase the number of children's programs at libraries for youth under age 3.
 - Two projects will focus on serving childcare centers and rural libraries:

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- Ready to Read Tubs are filled with board books, paperbacks, a resource book and dvd for childcare providers and rural libraries lacking in these materials.
 - “Read to Me at Home Bag” sets will include book bags, each filled with 3 board books, to be checked out through childcare centers to their clients to encourage parents to read to their children at home.
- APL provides training for statewide childcare providers at the AEYEC conference and youth services staff member Jane Baird chairs the Young Reader's Choice committee, a statewide program. She also reviews youth materials for national periodicals.

Loussac Library Facility Hosts Statewide Functions

- Houses the Alaska Collection, a repository for significant statewide historical documents.
- Serves as a meeting place for Federal hearings- Congressional and agency hearings are held in the Assembly Chambers and Wilda Marston Theatre on a regular basis.
- Cultivates civic involvement- the Loussac Library is a site for voter registration and municipal, state and federal elections. The Anchorage Caucus constituent meetings also take place here.

Interlibrary Loan and Research Assistance

- The Anchorage Public Library lent out nearly 4,000 items from our collection last year through the Interlibrary Loan program, which allows Alaskan libraries from all over the state to request books and media materials.
- Through its 800# service, APL provides items by request as well as reference and research assistance to smaller libraries in the state. Many of these largely-rural libraries are operated by volunteers and are lacking in technology, so APL's professional librarians provide help at no cost to those libraries. Last year, APL processed over 2000 800# requests.
- APL has provided training to over 60 librarians from small schools around the state on how to use the 800 number services so they know how to request items and utilize the collections of the Anchorage Public Library. This training is provided by the Anchorage Public Library Interlibrary Loan Section.
- APL assists the AK State Library in their *Library Boot Camp* training for small libraries. The program, offered several times a year, explains services available and teaches small library staff how to utilize ILL and APL's collections.
- APL has been approved by the State to have financial responsibility contracts (signed by the administration in small schools) to provide direct assistance to teachers in schools that do not have library aides so teachers can call APL directly to borrow items from our collection. These contracts have also been arranged with village libraries.